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SUBJECT: CHINESE AMBASSADOR ARRIVED IN DAHOMEY

1. GOVERNMENT CONTROLLED PRESS AND RADIO GAVE PROMINENT COVERAGE TO ARRIVAL NEW PRC AMBASSADOR IN COTONOU JUNE 14. DAHOMEAN NATIONAL PRESS AGENCY CHARACTERIZED ARRIVAL IN " DAHA- EXPRESS" AS " AN EVENT OF CONSIDERABLE POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE IN THE SENSE THAT IT FOLLOWS THE POLITICAL LINE OF NATIONAL REHABILITATION WHICH IS THAT OF THE MRGD." ARTICLE CONTINUED: " SIX YEARS AGO, SUCCUMBING TO INTERNATIONAL IMPERIALIST PRESSURES, THE DAHOMEAN AULTORITIES OF THE DAY TOLE RELATIONS THAT THEY THEMSELVES FAD ESTABLISHED A FEW MONTHS EARLIER BETWEEN CHINA AND DAHOMEY. THESE SIX YEARS HAVE BEEN NONSENSE EVEN MORE INTOLERABLE BECAUSE CHINA NOT ONLY REPRESENTS A QUARTER OF HUMANITY, BUT ALSO IS LOCATED, LIKE US, IN THE THIRD WORLD. IN SHORT, EVERYTHING SUGGESTS OUR COOPERATION WITH THIS COUNTRY. IN DECIDING TO

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BREAK OUT OF THIS STRAITJACKET ..., THE MRGD ... SHOWS TO ALL THE WORLD THAT IT INTENDS TO DEVELOP DAHOMEY' S RELATIONS WITH ALL COUNTIRES WITHOUT DISCRIMINATION."

2. THE NEW AMBASSADOR, MR. KU HSIAO- PO, WAS BORN IN HOPEI IN 1912. ACCORDING TO PRESS, HE GRADUATED FROM AN UNSPECIFIED CHINESE INSTITUTE OF HIGHER LEARNING . BEFORE ENTERING THE FOREIGN SERVICE, HE SERVED IN HIS HOME PROVINCE AS DISTRICT CHIEF, TRADE UNION OFFICIAL, AND AS VICE- GOVERNOR. A PREVIOUS DIPLOMATIC POSTING WAS IN THE SUDAN.

3. WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN HAVING ANY BIOGRAPHIC INFO ON KU HSIAO- PO THAT DEPARTMENT, HONG KONG OR KHARTOUM MIGHT BE ABLE SUPPLY. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IN OUR RELATIONS WITH LOCAL FRENCH EMBASSY IF WE AUTHORIZED TO PASS INFO TO THEM.
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